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NOTES AND NEWS.

General Francis A. Walker, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died suddenly in Boston on January 5, at the age of fifty-six. He was famous chiefly as a statistician and an economist, as the head of an important educational institution, and as a citizen of high character, unwearied public spirit and most engaging personal traits. But history may also claim him in part. His *History of the Second Army Corps* (1886) had a high importance, derived from his position as adjutant-general of that corps and from his powers of luminous exposition; and his *Making of the Nation* (1895), a brief account of our history from 1783 to 1817, was marked by unusual insight and originality.

The Count de Mas-Latrie died in Paris on January 5, aged eighty-one. He was eminent chiefly for works in the field of the Crusades and as a leading figure in the Société de l'Orient Latin. His leading works were a history of Cyprus, a treatise on commercial relations in North Africa in mediæval times, and his *Trésor de Chronologie*.

Horatio Hale, philologist and ethnologist, died in Ontario on December 28, aged seventy-nine. He was eminent as a student of Indian languages and antiquities, especially those of the Huron-Iroquois stock. His translation of the *Iroquois Book of Rites* appeared in 1883.

Sir Travers Twiss, Q. C., formerly professor of international law in King's College, London, whose book on the *Oregon Question* (1846) connects him with American affairs, and who edited for the Rolls Series the *Black Book of the Admiralty* (1874), died in London on January 15, aged eighty-seven.

Alexander Brückner, professor of history at St. Petersburg, Odessa and Dorpat from 1861 to 1891, and author of many works in Russian history, died at Jena on November 16.

The *Revue Historique* has published a *Quatrième Table Générale*, comprising an index to its contents for the years 1891 to 1895, inclusive (Paris, Félix Alcan, pp. 106). It contains an alphabetical index of authors, a systematic or subject-list of articles, an index to the documents and other classes of the contents of the review, an index of all the books noticed at length or briefly in the five years, an index of the necrologies, and finally a general subject-index.

A new edition (the fifth) of Spruner and Bretschneider's *Historischer Wand-Atlas*, consisting of ten maps relating to the same periods as in the previous editions, has been brought out by Perthes, of Gotha.

The eleventh number of *Bibliographica* contains an article by Sir E. Maunde Thompson on calligraphy in the Middle Ages, and one by Mr. F. Madan on the Thomason collection of Civil War tracts in the British Museum.

ANCIENT HISTORY.

Dr. S. A. Binion's *Ancient Egypt or Mizraim*, long in preparation, is now announced as published, in an elaborate edition, with many plates, in two volumes, at the price of eighty dollars (New York, H. G. Allen and Co.).

Dr. Wilhelm Larfeld's *Jahresbericht über die griechische Epigraphik für 1888-1894* (Berlin, S. Calvary, pp. 371, a supplementary volume of Bursian's *Jahresbericht*) is now completed, and may be separately obtained.

Volume VIII. of *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology* contains a historical article by Dr. G. W. Botsford on the Trial of the Alcmaeonidae and the Cleisthenian Constitutional Reforms.

F. A. Perthes, of Gotha, announces the publication of *Die Pentakontætie*, by Professor Georg Busolt, of Kiel.

The second volume of the *Griechische Geschichte* of Professor Julius Beloch, of Rome (Strassburg, K. J. Trübner, pp. 713), extends to the time of Aristotle and of the conquest of Asia.

The last volume published by the Fürstlich Jablonowski'sche Gesellschaft of Leipzig is a book by Erich Ziebarth on *Das Griechische Vereinswesen* (Leipzig, S. Hirzel, pp. 224).

Messrs. B. G. Teubner, of Leipzig, announce the publication of H. Peter's *Die geschichtliche Litteratur der römischen Kaiserzeit*.

Messrs. Petersen, Domaszewski and Calderini have published, through the house of F. Bruckmann in Munich, their elaborate work, *Die Marcus-Säule auf Piazza Colonna in Rom*. It consists of 127 pages of text and 128 plates. The price is 300 marks.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: L. van der Kindere, *Le Socialisme dans la Grèce Antique* (Revue de l'Université de Bruxelles, I. 2); Petersen, *Neue archäologische Entdeckungen in Italien* (Mittheilungen des k. deutschen archäologischen Instituts, Röm., XI. 2); Soltau, *Der Ursprung der Annales Maximi* (Philologus, LV. 2); A. Schulten, *Der römische Kolonat* (Historische Zeitschrift, LXXVIII. 1).

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

Messrs. Roberts Brothers, of Boston, have brought out the second volume of their translation of Harnack's *History of Dogma*, translated by Neil Buchanan (pp. 380).

MEDIEVAL HISTORY.

The Historical and Antiquarian Society of Basel continue their *Studien und Quellen zur Geschichte des Concils von Basel* by a second volume containing notes of the proceedings of the council, 1431-1433, from the *Manuale* of the notary Bruneti and from a Roman manuscript. The volume is edited by Dr. Johannes Haller (Basel, R. Reich, pp. 645).

Upon the occasion of M. Gabriel Monod's appointment as president of the historical and philological section of the École des Hautes Études, his former pupils have united in the production of a volume of *Études a' Histoire du Moyen Age* (Paris, Félix Alcan, pp. 463), with a copper-plate portrait of M. Monod. Among the papers contributed are one by M. Imbart de la Tour on the immunities with respect to trade granted to churches, from the seventh to the ninth centuries; one by M. Émile Bourgeois on the assembly of Quierzy-sur-Oise; one by M. Ch. Bémont on Hugues de Clers and the *De Senescalcia Franciæ*; one by M. Abel Lefranc on Guibert de Nogent's treatise on relics and the beginnings of historical criticism in the Middle Ages; one by M. Auguste Molinier on the *Grandes Chroniques de France* in the thirteenth century; one by M. F. Funck-Brentano on the peers of France at the end of the thirteenth century; one by M. H. Pirenne on the sources of the *Chronique de Flandre*; and one by M. C. Petit-Dutaillis on popular preaching, the Lollards and the insurrection of the English laborers in 1381.

Signor Lelio Ottolenghi, in his treatise *Della Dignità Imperiale di Carlo Magno* (Padua, Drucker, pp. 134), studies the history of the events which led to the coronation of Charlemagne, and especially the history of the latter's policy in Italy.

Fathers Blume and Dreves continue their contributions to mediæval hymnology, *Analecta Hymnica Medii Ævi*, by two volumes (Leipzig, O. P. Reisland, pp. 288, 291) numbered XXIV. and XXV., and entitled *Historiæ Rhythmicæ; Liturgische Reimofficien des Mittelalters*, 4, 5.

An interesting volume on *The Geography of the Middle Ages*, by C. Raymond Beazley, is announced by the Macmillan Co. It will pay especial attention to the contributions made by pilgrims.

Professor E. P. Evans has elaborated an interesting and curious subject in his book on *The Criminal Prosecution of Animals in the Middle Ages* (London, Heinemann).

It is announced that a book on human sacrifice among the Sephardim or Eastern Jews, found among the papers of the late Sir Richard Burton, will shortly be published.

Under the comprehensive title of *The Pre-Reformation Period*, the historical department of the University of Pennsylvania publishes, in its *Translations and Reprints from the Original Sources of European History*, a variety of documents relating to heresy, the inquisition, the relations of church and state, and the Council of Constance.

Professor J. B. Bury, of Trinity College, Dublin, intends to bring out an extensive series of texts of Byzantine historians, including not only Greek texts, but English translations of Oriental chronicles.

MODERN EUROPEAN HISTORY.

Under the general editorial care of Lord Acton, Regius Professor of Modern History in the University of Cambridge, the University Press

will bring out, in twelve volumes of about 700 pages each, the *Cambridge Modern History*, covering the period from the end of the Middle Ages to the present day. It is expected that the first volume, dealing with the Renaissance, will be published in two or three years from the present time, to be followed by two volumes in each successive year. The plan of the work is coöperative. Among those who are announced as engaged to coöperate are Mr. James Bryce, Professor J. B. Bury, Dr. W. Cunningham, Professor Fairbairn, Professor Flint, Mr. Frederic Harrison, Mr. R. H. Hutton, Professor Jebb, Mr. Lecky, Mr. Sidney Lee, Mr. John Morley, Mr. C. Oman, Mr. E. J. Payne, Sir Frederick Pollock, Professor Prothero, Dr. Sidgwick and Lord Wolseley.

Mr. George Haven Putnam's *Books and Their Makers During the Middle Ages*, Vol. II., extends from 1500 to 1709, and contains chapters on the earlier printer-publishers of France, on Caxton, the Kobergers, Froben, Erasmus, Plantin and the Elzevirs; and on censorship of the press and the beginnings of the modern ideas of literary property.

Under the title *Briefe aus Rom*, Hofrath von Sickel has begun, in the proceedings of the philosophical-historical section of the Vienna Academy, a series of communications from the less known portions of the secret archives of the Vatican. He begins with papers relating to the Council of Trent and at the same time to the papal archive-system.

In the *Archivio della R. Società Romana di Storia Patria*, XIX. 3-4, Alessandro Ferrajoli publishes a bull which was drawn up by Julius II., and is referred to by Guicciardini, but which seems to have been unseen until discovered in the Vatican archives by Signor Ferrajoli, deposing Francis I., and transferring his crown to Henry VIII.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: E. Armstrong, *Alberoni and the Quadruple Alliance* (Scottish Review, January); A. T. Mahan, *Nelson in the Battle of the Nile* (Century, January); A. T. Mahan, *The Battle of Copenhagen* (Century, February); A. T. Mahan, *Nelson at Trafalgar* (Century, March).

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

The latest volume of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, *Fifteenth Report, Appendix, Part II.* (pp. 409), presents a calendar of the manuscripts of J. Eliot Hodgkin, F.S.A. The collection is highly miscellaneous. Among the most interesting items are a group of letters relating to Charles II. in exile; drafts of the letters of Sir Bernard Gascoigne, diplomatist under that monarch; a collection of letters to and from Samuel Pepys; letters of and to the first Earl of Danby, showing his relations with Ralph Montagu and with France in a memorable episode in 1678 (letters which Danby garbled when he printed them in 1710); papers of the Duke of Ormonde casting light on his actions under the restraining orders imposed upon him when commander-in-chief in Flanders; letters relating to the Old Pretender and to the Chevalier d'Eon, and papers

relating to the Mohocks and Hawkubites of London in 1711 and 1712. Only two or three pieces have any relation to America.

The British government has published *English Army Lists and Commission Registers*, Vol. III., 1689-1690, edited by C. Dalton; *Calendar of Entries in the Papal Registers relating to Great Britain and Ireland: Petitions to the Pope*, Vol. I., 1342-1419, edited by W. H. Bliss; *Year-books of the Reign of Edward the Third*, Year XVI., Part I., edited by L. O. Pike; *Letters and Papers, Foreign and Domestic, of the Reign of Henry VIII.*, Vol. XV.; *Acts of the Privy Council of England*, Vol. XIV. (1586-1587), edited by J. R. Dasent; and the *Red Book of the Exchequer*, 3 vols., edited by Hubert Hall.

In Vol. XLIX. of the *Dictionary of National Biography* (Rob-Rus) the most interesting articles to the student of general history are those on John Robinson, by Rev. Alexander Gordon; on Rodney, by Professor J. K. Laughton; on Sir Thomas Roe, by Stanley Lane-Poole; on Prince Rupert, by Mr. C. H. Firth; on Earl Russell, by Mr. Fraser Rae; and on Lord William Russell, by Principal Ward.

Teachers of English history at Bryn Mawr College, Cornell and Johns Hopkins Universities, and the Universities of Chicago, Iowa, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Toronto and Wisconsin have united for the purpose of indexing and calendaring the current periodical literature of English history. About fifty periodicals are comprehended in this scheme—English, American, French, German and Italian.

The January number of the *Revue des Questions Historiques* contains a summary review of recent publications in English history, by M. Alfred Spont.

The council of the Somerset Record Society has issued a circular in which an appeal is made for help to enable it to carry on its work. The annual subscription is one guinea, and one volume a year has hitherto been published. Thus far ten volumes have been issued, containing much valuable material relative to mediæval history. A considerable increase of the number of members is needed. The editorial secretary is the Rev. Prebendary Holmes, Wells, Somerset.

Vol. IX. of the *Camden Miscellany* contains a series of visitations of churches belonging to St. Paul's Cathedral, 1249-1252; a collection of interesting letters from the bishops to the privy council in 1564; a series of documents relating to Strafford, 1620-1640, etc.

The Oxford Historical Society has brought out the second volume of the *Cartulary of the Monastery of St. Frideswide*, edited by S. R. Wigram (pp. 488).

No. 62 in Professor Gustav Schmoller's *Staats- und Socialwissenschaftliche Forschungen* is a monograph by Dr. Hans Plehn on *Der politische Charakter von Matheus Parisiensis; ein Beitrag zur Geschichte der englischen Verfassung und des Ständetums im 13. Jahrhundert* (Leipzig, Duncker und Humblot, pp. xiv, 136).

The Macmillan Co. have now published *The Life and Miracles of St. William of Norwich* by Thomas of Monmouth, now first edited by Dr. Augustus Jessopp and Dr. Montague R. James (pp. lxxviii, 303).

A volume of considerable interest to the student of history as well as to the student of Shakespeare has been prepared by Mr. W. G. Boswell-Stone. It is entitled *Shakespeare's Holinshed, the Chronicles and the Historical Plays Compared* (Longmans, pp. 532). In this volume the historical plays are compared, scene by scene, with passages chiefly derived from Holinshed's *Chronicles*, supplemented by illustrations taken from other sources. The excerpts from Holinshed are generally accompanied by prefatory words narrating the dramatic action in the dramatic order, and noticing as they occur all important variations of historic chronology and historic facts.

Most prominent of recent books upon the history of India is *Forty-one Years in India: From Subaltern to Commander-in-chief*, by Field Marshal Lord Roberts of Kandahar. This is published in two volumes of about 500 pages each, by Messrs. Longmans, Green and Co.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: J. H. Round, *The Battle of Hastings* (National Review, January); L. Johnston, *Sources of Anglo-Norman Church History* (Catholic University Bulletin, January); J. Gairdner, *New Lights on the Divorce of Henry VIII.*, III. (English Historical Review, January); S. R. Gardiner, *Plan of Charles I. for the Deliverance of Strafford* (English Historical Review, January); J. R. Tanner, *The Administration of the Navy from the Restoration to the Revolution* (English Historical Review, January).

FRANCE.

M. P. Guiraud, the most intimate pupil of Fustel de Coulanges, has published a book upon that distinguished historian (*Fustel de Coulanges*, Paris, Hachette); Fustel is also largely the theme of M. d'Arbois de Jubainville's *Deux Manières d'écrire l'Histoire: Critique de Bossuet, d'Augustin Thierry et de Fustel de Coulanges* (Paris, Bouillon).

An interesting account of the opportunities for historical study in Paris is printed in the *Revue de l'Université de Bruxelles*, I. 9, by E. Lameere, *Les Études Historiques à Paris*.

The classical edition of the Polyptych of Abbot Irminon by Benjamin Guérard having become rare, the Société de l'Histoire de Paris has undertaken the issue of a new edition, now completed by the publication of Vol. II. The text was published in 1886. The present volume contains all the essential and still valid portions of Guérard's prolegomena, with many valuable additions made by the present editor, M. A. Longnon.

M. J. Flammermont has just published, as the eighth volume of the *Archives des Missions* (Paris, Leroux, pp. 628), an elaborate report on the *Correspondance des Agents diplomatiques étrangers en France avant la Révolution*. The volume contains a great amount of fresh information.

M. Maxime de La Rocheterie and the Marquis de Beaucourt have brought out the second volume of their critical edition of the authentic letters of Marie Antoinette, *Lettres de Marie Antoinette* (Paris, Picard, pp. 472).

M. Albert Sorel's *Bonaparte et Hoche en 1797* (Paris, Plon) is a penetrating study of Bonaparte's ideas at the time when he made peace with Austria, showing how largely his future policy was already developed in his mind, and of the ideas of Hoche at the time when he was organizing government on the left bank of the Rhine and preparing for the 18th Fructidor.

The *Recollections of Alexis de Tocqueville*, published in Paris in 1893, have been translated into English by Alexander Teixeira de Mattos, and are published by the Macmillan Co.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: P. Imbart de la Tour, *Les Paroisses rurales dans l'ancienne France* (Revue Historique, January); C. V. Langlois, *Les Travaux sur l'Histoire de la Société Française au Moyen Âge* (Revue Historique, March); L. Batiffol, *Le Châtelet de Paris vers 1400*, II., III. (Revue Historique, January, March).

ITALY, SPAIN, PORTUGAL.

A series of selections from the sources of Italian history, entitled *La Storia d'Italia narrata da Scrittori Contemporanei*, and similar in plan to Zeller's *L'Histoire de France racontée par les Contemporains* and the German *Quellenbücher*, is in process of publication at Venice, under the editorial care of Pietro Orsi.

The January number of the *Revue des Questions Historiques* contains a summary review of recent publications in Italian history, by M. Léon G. Pélissier.

A recent volume by F. Cavazza, *Le Scuole dell' antico Studio Bolognese* (Milan, Hoepli), gives valuable information concerning the internal history of the University of Bologna in the Middle Ages.

Messrs. Ulrico Hoepli, of Milan, have begun the publication of an important work by Italo Raulich, entitled *Storia di Carlo Emanuele I., Duca di Savoia, con documenti degli archivi italiani e stranieri*. Vol. I. covers the years 1580-1588.

The new edition of the *Lex Romana Wisigothorum*, brought out by the Academia de la Historia, is a volume of 439 pages, and is to be obtained of the Libreria Nacional y Extranjera of G. O. Pfeil Schneider.

A *Historia de las Instituciones sociales de la España Goda*, by the late Don Eduardo Pérez Pujol, rector of the University of Valencia, has been published in that city, in four volumes quarto.

The fourteenth volume of the *Historia General de España*, written by members of the Real Academia de Historia, under the direction of Señor Cánovas del Castillo, has appeared. It is the second volume of Señor J. Gómez de Arteche's *Reinado de Carlos IV.*

GERMANY, AUSTRIA, SWITZERLAND.

Professor Bernhard Erdmannsdörffer, of Heidelberg, has become president of the Historical Commission of Baden, in the place of the late Professor Winkelmann; Professor Engelbert Mühlbacher, President of the Institut für oesterreichischer Geschichtsforschung, in the place of Dr. Heinrich von Zeissberg, now become court librarian.

The government of the kingdom of Saxony has established a historical commission, with an annual subvention of 10,000 marks.

The *Publikationen aus den k. preussischen Staatsarchiven* are continued by the issue of Vols. 66 and 67. The former consists of *Die Protokolle und Relationen des brandenburgischen Geheimen Rathes aus der Zeit des Kurfürsten Friedrich Wilhelm*, edited by Dr. O. Meinardus; the second is the second volume of the political correspondence of the Elector Albert Achilles, edited by Fel. Priebatsch, and extending from 1475 to 1480.

Two new parts of the *Monumenta Germaniæ Historica* have appeared one in the series of Latin poets of the Middle Ages, the other in that of the Merovingian historical writers: *Poetæ Latini Ævi Carolini*, tom. III., part. II., fasc. II., ed. L. Traube; and *Passiones Vitæque Sanctorum Ævi Merovingici et antiquiorum aliquot*, ed. Bruno Krusch.

In the series of *Geschichtschreiber der deutschen Vorzeit* the latest translations (71-74) are of Arnold of Lübeck, Albert of Stade, Matthew Paris (extracts), and the Annals of Marbach.

R. Gaertner, of Berlin, announces the publication of *Ausgewählte Urkunden zur brandenburgischen-preussischen Verfassungs und Verwaltungsgeschichte*, in two volumes, by W. Altmann. The first volume (pp. 246) covers the period from the fifteenth to the eighteenth century inclusive, the second (pp. 316) is exclusively occupied with the nineteenth.

The second issue in the *Historische Bibliothek*, published by the editors of the *Historische Zeitschrift*, is a collection of Samuel Pufendorf's letters to Christian Thomasius (1687-1693), edited by Emil Gagas (Munich, R. Oldenbourg, pp. 78).

The twenty-third volume of the *Politische Correspondenz Friedrich's des Grossen*, edited by the Prussian Academy, has been published (Berlin, A. Duncker, pp. 559).

Dr. Karl Ringhoffer publishes (Leipzig, F. Luckhardt, pp. 443) *Ein Decennium preussischer Orientpolitik zur Zeit des Zaren Nikolaus (1821-1830)*, *Beiträge zur Geschichte der auswärtigen Beziehungen Preussens unter dem Ministerium des Grafen Christian Günther von Bernstorff*, with documents from the state archives at Berlin.

The sixth part of Theodor von Bernhardt's journals, just brought out in Leipzig (*Aus dem Leben Theodor von Bernhardis*, VI., S. Hirzel, pp. 338) covers the years 1864-1866.

Dr. Heinrich von Poschinger has begun a new Bismarck series, *Fürst*

Bismarck und der Bundesrat, to be completed in four volumes. The first volume (Stuttgart, Deutsche Verlags-Anstalt, pp. 351) is occupied with the Bundesrath of the North German Confederation, 1867-1870.

Messrs. T. Y. Crowell and Co., of Boston, will shortly complete their translation of Sybel's *Founding of the German Empire* by the addition of the last two volumes.

Dr. Wilhelm Heyd has published the second volume of his *Bibliographie der württembergischen Geschichte* (Stuttgart, W. Kohlhammer, pp. 794).

The archivist of the city of Frankfort a. M., Dr. Rudolph Jung, has published, through the historical society of that city, an account of his archives, entitled *Das historische Archiv der Stadt Frankfurt am Main, seine Bestände und seine Geschichte* (Frankfurt, K. Th. Völcker, pp. 297).

The January number of the *Revue Historique* contains a summary review of the historical publications relating to Alsace, brought out during the years 1891-1896, by Rodolphe Reuss.

Under the title *Zwingli-Bibliographie*, Georg Finsler has published a bibliography of the writings of the reformer and also of writings relating to him (Zürich, Orell Fussli, pp. 187).

Professor Charles Borgeaud, of the University of Geneva, who is engaged in an elaborate history of that institution, has printed in the *Revue Internationale de l'Enseignement* a series of articles on *Calvin Fondateur de l'Académie de Genève*.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: D. Schäfer, *Die Hinrichtung der Sachsen durch Karl den Grossen* (Historische Zeitschrift, LXXVIII. 1); H. Virk, *Die römische Kurie und Deutschland, 1533-1539* (Preussische Jahrbücher, LXXXV. 2, 3); E. D. Warfield, *Philip Melancthon* (Presbyterian and Reformed Review, January); A. Boucher, *Trois Plans de Campagne inédits de M. de Moltke* (Le Correspondant, October 10).

NETHERLANDS AND BELGIUM.

A brief article on the archives of the Netherlands, by C. M. Dozy, is printed in the *Revue Internationale des Archives*, I. 8.

Dr. Gisbert Brom has nearly completed the issue of the second volume of his *Bullarium Trajectense; Romanorum Pontificum Diplomata quotquot olim usque ad Urbanum Papam VI., in veterem Episcopatum Trajectensem destinata reperiuntur* (Hague, Martinus Nijhoff).

NORTHERN AND EASTERN EUROPE.

A brief article on the archives of Sweden, by Dr. S. Bergh, is printed in the *Revue Internationale des Archives*, I. 8.

A work of importance in the constitutional history of Sweden is Dr. E. Hildebrand's recently published *Svenska Statsförfattningens historiska Utveckling från äldsta tid till våra dagar* (Stockholm, pp. 684).

The Academy of Cracow has published the fifteenth volume of its *Monumenta Medii Aevi Historica res gestas Poloniae illustrantia*, a volume of royal accounts, *Rationes Curiae Vladislai Jagellonis et Hedvigis Regum Poloniae 1388-1420*, edited by Dr. Franc. Piekosinski (pp. 618).

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: T. Schiemann, *Die Thronbesteigung des Zaren Nicolaus I.* (Preussische Jahrbücher, LXXXV. 2); J. G. Whiteley, *The Question of the Dardanelles* (Yale Review, February).

AMERICA.

The Macmillan Co. announce the publication of a series of four volumes prepared by Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University, entitled *American History told by Contemporaries*. The series is made up entirely from the original sources of American history, extracts from the contemporary narratives being chosen in such manner as to give a notion of the writer's style and to present a general account of the times from the first voyages to the present day. A practical introduction on the use of such sources, with a bibliography, will be prefixed to each volume. The series is intended chiefly for the use of students. Vol. I., covering the era of colonization (1492 to 1689), may be expected in April.

The prize of one hundred dollars for the best monograph based upon original research in history, a prize established by the American Historical Association in December, 1895, has been awarded for the year 1896 to Professor Herman V. Ames, of Ohio State University, Columbus. His work is entitled "Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the United States during the first Century of its History." The committee of award consisted of Professors A. C. McLaughlin, M. C. Tyler and J. H. Robinson.

The second volume of the *Report of the Commissioner of Education for the Years 1894-95*, just published (pp. 1153-2314), contains five sections of historical matter, relating respectively to education in the Northwest, 1790-1840; the common schools of New England, 1790-1840; the public schools of the city of Washington, 1805-1885; early educational life in middle Georgia; and education and the Talmud. With the exception of that relating to Washington, these chapters are extremely diffuse and of slight value.

The Peabody Museum of American Archæology and Ethnology has, by statute of Massachusetts and by the act of its trustees, become a part of Harvard University.

Mr. Edward L. Pierce has gathered into a volume, under the title *Enfranchisement and Citizenship: Addresses and Papers* (Boston, Roberts Brothers, pp. 397), a number of his writings, some of which are of historical character. Among the latter are papers on the contrabands at Fortress Monroe, the freedmen at Port Royal, the assault on Fort Wagner, the Free Soilers of 1848 and 1852, and recollections as a source of history.

Dr. G. M. Fisk has published, in Germany, a work on the relations between Germany and the United States, *Die landespolitischen und sonstigen völkerrechtlichen Beziehungen zwischen Deutschland und den Vereinigten Staaten von Amerika*. The book is noted as "a historical-statistical study," and is published by J. G. Cotta, of Stuttgart, in the series of *Münchener Volkswirtschaftliche Studien* (pp. xiv, 254).

Mr. Francis P. Harper, of New York, is the publisher of G. C. Seilhamer's elaborate *History of the American Theatre, 1749-1797*, in three volumes, including a list of the performances of the early companies, casts, summaries of the parts played by the various actors and actresses, advertisements, criticisms, etc.

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons announce the continuation of Prof. Moses Tyler's well-known work on the history of American literature, entitled *The Literary History of the American Revolution, 1763-1783*, of which portions have heretofore appeared in these pages. They will also publish the life and letters of Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, edited by Miss Kate Mason Rowland.

Senate Document No. 40 of the 54th Congress, Second Session, is a memorandum on the methods of recognition of foreign governments and foreign states by the government of the United States from 1789 to 1897, presented by Senator Hale, and prepared by Mr. Andrew H. Allen, Chief of the Bureau of Rolls and Library in the Department of State (pp. 15).

It is announced that Vol. VIII. of the *Studies in History, Economics and Public Law*, issued by the faculty of political science in Columbia University, will contain a monograph on the struggle between President Johnson and Congress over Reconstruction, by Charles Ernest Chadsey, Ph. D.

Episodes in the history of Moravian missionary activity in a part of America are treated in G. Burckhardt's *Die Mission der Brüdergemeine in Grönland*, and in H. G. Schneider's *Die Mission der Brüdergemeine in Alaska*, both announced by F. F. Jansa, of Leipzig.

At the instance of Senator Hoar, the Bishop of London (now Archbishop of Canterbury) has consented to the restoration of the MS. of Bradford's *History of Plimoth Plantation* to the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Robert T. Swan, Record Commissioner of Massachusetts, has issued his *Ninth Report on the Custody and Condition of the Public Records of Parishes, Towns and Counties*. It presents a detailed statement of the improvements made, with respect to those records, by the several cities and towns since the 1st of January, 1890, and a list of assessors' records found during the year 1896. Since the list which we gave in our first volume, pp. 581-584, additional volumes containing records of Boston, Stoughton, Canton, Lunenburg and Worcester, and of Saco, Maine, have been printed.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has now printed Vol. VI. of the

Acts and Resolves of the Province of Massachusetts Bay (pp. 245). This volume contains the text of the private acts passed from 1692 to 1780, with a brief preface and with little or no annotation. Vols. VII. and VIII., which make a beginning of the resolves, have already been printed.

The *Essex Antiquarian* (Salem, Mass.) for January begins an alphabetical list of all soldiers and sailors of the Revolution who were noted as of Essex County. In the February number the editor begins a series of extracts, also to be continued, from the records of (old) Norfolk County, an ancient subdivision of the colony, partly conterminous with the present Essex.

Putnam's Monthly Historical Magazine for November-December begins the publication of abstracts of all the early deeds recorded in Essex County, Massachusetts.

The History Committee of the Brookline Education Society have printed an admirable little *Guide to the Local History of Brookline, Mass.*, in a little pamphlet of 24 pages, chiefly for the use of school children. It contains an outline of the facts, questions, notes and references. It were to be wished that the children of every town had such a guide.

Messrs. Carpenter and Morehouse, of Amherst, Mass., announce the publication of an elaborate *History of the Town of Amherst* in 928 pages. The plan of the volume is excellent, and it appears likely to form a valuable and intelligent contribution to the history of western Massachusetts.

The Rhode Island Historical Society has issued, as Vol. IX. of its *Collections*, a volume by Mr. Henry C. Dorr, entitled *The Proprietors of Providence and their Controversies with the Freeholders* (pp. 140). The January number of the society's *Publications* contains some documents relating to "the first public library in Rhode Island" (one of Dr. Thomas Bray's) and, apropos of the discussion over the question of the Indian Deed to Roger Williams, a question locally occupying much attention of late, a facsimile of a document involved. In the controversy mentioned, the leading papers published have been by Mr. S. S. Rider and Mr. George T. Paine.

The eleventh volume of the *Early Records of the Town of Providence* contains the records of town meetings from 1692 to 1715. The volume has as frontispiece a portrait of the late Judge G. M. Carpenter, one of the Record Commissioners, and, in the preface, a brief memoir of him by the surviving commissioners.

The second number of the *Bulletin of the New York Public Library* (Astor, Lenox and Tilden foundations) contains a description of the manuscript collections in the Emmet Library, presented to the New York Public Library by Mr. John S. Kennedy; and prints also the New York Oath Rolls of 1753 to 1757, documents prepared to be subscribed by all persons having any office, civil or military, under the King.

The Board of City Record, having in charge the printing of the old

Dutch records of New Amsterdam, have entrusted the editing to Mr. Berthold Fernow. Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons will publish the work, in six volumes, with an index-volume. There will be 200 copies for the city and 150 for sale.

A book which should contain some materials of value to searchers in the history of New Netherland is the first volume of the *Livre Synodal, contenant les Articles résolus dans les Synodes des Églises Wallonnes des Pays-Bas*, extending from 1563 to 1685 (Hague, Nijhoff, pp. 844, 54).

The January number of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History* is chiefly occupied with the continuation of articles already noted. There is also an article on the Blue Anchor Tavern. Mr. Thomas McKean has deposited with the Society the papers of his ancestor, Gov. Thomas McKean, signer of the Declaration of Independence, bound in five volumes.

The January number of the *Virginia Magazine of History* contains a series of interesting letters of Thomas Ludwell relating to the Dutch attacks on the Virginia fleet in Hampton Roads in 1667, a reprint of Rev. Francis Makemie's *Perswasive to Towns and Cohabitation*, from a copy supposed to be unique; several documents from the records of Prince George County; and continuations of the decisions of the Virginia General Court, 1626-1628; of the letters of William Fitzhugh; and of the abstracts of Virginia land patents. In the record of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Virginia Historical Society, held in December, it is stated that the state of Virginia has agreed to publish "the whole manuscript of the London Company's minutes, now in possession of the Society." This is to be regretted, as what the Society possesses is an imperfect and incorrect transcript of those minutes, of which the originals are no farther away than Washington. The Society has completed a catalogue of its manuscripts.

Information is desired as to the early will-book of King George County, Virginia, which was taken from the clerk's office during the war and some years ago was ascertained to be in New York. A reasonable sum will be paid for its return.

The fifteenth series of the *Johns Hopkins University Studies in History and Political Science* opens with a double number on the history of the tobacco industry in Virginia, from 1860 to 1894, by B. W. Arnold, jr., Ph.D. The subject is treated from the standpoint both of the planter and of the manufacturer, and with attention to economic facts rather than to the technicalities of agriculture or manufacture.

The January number of the *William and Mary College Quarterly Historical Magazine* contains two exceedingly interesting letters of President William Nelson and of Richard Bland, written in 1771, respecting the suggestion of an American episcopate and the action of the House of Burgesses with reference thereto. It also contains some interesting matter by Charles W. Coleman relating to Lord Botetourt and a list of parishes and the ministers in them in the year 1774.

Vol. I., No. 4, of the *Lower Norfolk County Antiquary* contains a list of land- and slave-holders in Princess Anne County in 1776, a continuation of the papers of the Princess Anne County Committee of Safety in 1775, notes on the Lower Norfolk County libraries, and other local materials. An index has been prepared for the first volume, which is now completed.

A contribution to Carolina history, from an unusual quarter, is to be found in the *Neujahrsblatt* of the Historischer Verein des Kantons Bern (Bern, K. J. Wyss). It is a pamphlet of 43 pages with a plan, by Wolfgang Friedrich von Mülinen, and is entitled *Christoph von Graffenried, Landgraf von Carolina, Gründer von Neu-Bern; zumeist nach Familienpapieren und Copien seiner amtlichen Berichte*.

The State of North Carolina has just published Volumes XI., XII. and XIII. of her *State Records*. The records are bound uniformly and numbered continuously with the earlier series of *Colonial Records* (10 volumes), which ends with 1776. The *State Records*, under the editorship of Judge Walter Clark, will come down to January 1, 1790. There will be some eighteen volumes in all. An exhaustive index to both series is in preparation by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks.

The North Carolina Baptist Historical Society has begun the publication of a quarterly journal called *North Carolina Baptist Historical Papers*. The first number appeared in October, 1896. It includes reprints, original papers, notes and comments. The publication committee are Rev. J. D. Hufham, Rev. N. B. Cobb and Thomas M. Pittman. It is published from Henderson, N. C.

Dr. Stephen B. Weeks has reprinted from the twenty-fourth volume of the *Southern Historical Society Papers* an address on the University of North Carolina in the Civil War, which he delivered at the centennial celebration of the opening of that institution in 1895. It is an elaborate and interesting paper.

George Burrington, with an Account of his official Administrations in the Colony of North Carolina, 1724-1725, 1731-1734, is the title of a study by Marshall Delancy Haywood of one of the most remarkable characters in the history of that state (Raleigh, Edwards and Broughton, pp. 34).

Ever since the action of the General Assembly of South Carolina, in 1891, in providing for the procurement from London of transcripts of documents relating to the history of South Carolina, General Edward McCrady has been occupied in writing, upon the basis of the large mass of materials thus acquired, and of the other and better known materials, a careful history of South Carolina. It is now announced that the first volume is ready for publication. Public-spirited citizens in the state have subscribed a guarantee fund to insure the publication of this first volume, which will extend from the foundation of the colony down to the overthrow of the rule of the Proprietors in 1719. The introductory chapter

has been printed in pamphlet form as a specimen of the work. So far as one may judge from this introductory chapter, treating of the general characteristics of South Carolina's colonial history and of the earlier and later literature of the subject, General McCrady's book will be marked by such a degree of scholarship, accuracy and historical insight as to make it an invaluable addition to the historical literature of the South. It is to be hoped that subscriptions will be made in sufficient numbers to insure abundantly its pecuniary success.

A new edition of Pickett's now rare *History of Alabama* is announced by James F. Meegan of Atlanta, Georgia.

In a pamphlet of 44 pages Mr. Edward T. Sanford has reprinted from the *Proceedings of the Bar Association of Tennessee* for 1896 an address on the Constitutional Convention of Tennessee of 1796, which offers a good résumé of existing knowledge upon this subject.

The Chicago Historical Society at its January meeting received from Mr. Moses J. Wentworth an invaluable collection of Chicago newspapers bequeathed to him by the late Hon. John Wentworth with discretionary authority to present them to the society. The series consists of fifty volumes of bound newspapers, covering the period from 1835 to 1862, and accompanied by a manuscript index in twenty-one volumes. By this gift, added to the papers already owned, the society becomes possessed of what is practically a complete set of the newspapers of Chicago. Mr. Wentworth's collection was made anew after the destruction of his original set by the fire of 1871.

The annual report of Mr. R. G. Thwaites as secretary of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, made at the annual meeting in December, notes the year's accessions as 5247 books and 3755 pamphlets. It is expected that the admirable new library building may be occupied in about two years.

No. 10 of the Parkman Club Publications is a brief paper on the Polanders in Wisconsin, by Frank H. Miller.

The Burrows Brothers Co., of Cleveland, announce the publication, under the title *New Light on the Early History of the Greater Northwest*, of the manuscript journals of Alexander Henry the younger, fur trader for the Northwest Fur Co. from 1799 to 1814, and of David Thompson, official surveyor and explorer for the same company. The work is published in three volumes, and is edited by Professor Elliott Coues, who prepared the new editions of Lewis and Clark and of Pike.

A further contribution to the discussion of the question of Radisson and Groseilliers is made by Mr. Charles Moore, of Washington, D. C., in his brief pamphlet *The Discoverers of Lake Superior* (*Publications of the Michigan Political Science Association*, II. 5.)

In the January number of the *Annals of Iowa* the most important matters are the recollections of Judge Francis Springer, president of the Constitutional Convention of 1857; and an article on the history of the Mormons in Iowa, by the Hon. D. C. Bloomer.

We have received from the Hon. T. S. Parvin an address delivered by him at the semi-centennial celebration at Burlington, October 2, 1896, entitled *Who Made Iowa?* an exposition of the work of the early pioneers in the making of the state.

Mr. Edmond Mallet, of the General Land Office at Washington, has printed in the *Bulletin des Recherches Historiques*, III. 3 (published at Lévis, Canada) an article, to be continued hereafter, entitled *Le Sieur de Vincennes, Fondateur de l'Indiana*, in which he endeavors to promote the solution of the question as to Vincennes's identity.

Noteworthy articles in periodicals: B. Mitre, *El Libro de Bernal Diaz del Castillo* (La Biblioteca, Buenos-Aires, October); *The Puritan Settlements in New England* (London Quarterly Review, January); E. J. James, *The First Apportionment of Federal Representatives in the United States* (Annals of the American Academy of Political Science, January); F. N. Thorpe, *A Century's Struggle for the Franchise in America* (Harper's Monthly, January); S. E. Marshall Hardy, *John Marshall* (Green Bag, December); *History of the Sea-Coast Fortifications of the United States* (Journal of the U. S. Artillery, November); *Abraham Lincoln's War Policy* (Quarterly Review, January); *Why the Confederacy Failed* (Century, February).